

the wisdom of our ancestors in risking their all for the attainment of self-government; *and whereas*, The exhibition, if successfully carried out, will be of eminent practical benefit in disseminating among civilized nations information concerning the products of our forests and fields, minerals and ores still undeveloped, while our citizens will be enlightened by studying the processes and fabrics of the most advanced nations of the world; *and,*

Preamble; *whereas*, It is eminently proper that the people of North Carolina, who, by the Mecklenburg Declaration of May twentieth, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five, were foremost in suggesting the declaration of one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, which, with conspicuous fortitude, they defended and maintained, should take part in the commemoration of its hundredth anniversary :

Celebration approved of.

SECTION 1. *The General Assembly of North Carolina do resolve*, That this General Assembly cordially approve the plan and objects of the Centennial International Exhibition, to be held in the city of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six.

People recommended to co-operate.

2. That the people of North Carolina be earnestly recommended to heartily co-operate with the officers of said exhibition, in order to carry out its design to the fullest measure of success, in order to bring before capitalists and men of culture fair specimens of the natural and artificial products of the nation.

Request to our senators and representatives.

3. That our senators and representatives in Congress be requested to promote all measures requisite for making said international exhibition a truthful exponent of the progress of the nation.

Governor to forward copies of resolutions.

4. That the Governor be requested to forward copies of this preamble and resolutions to all said senators and representatives.

Ratified the 26th day of February, 1873.